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## **Former NASA Contractor Employee Enters Plea**

On October 13, 1999, Ricardo A. Barrera, a former Goddard Space Flight Center (Goddard) Security Guard, pled no contest to one count of possession of stolen property, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641. The plea was entered in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Maryland, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Barrera allegedly stole a NASA trailer, VCR, and other equipment valued at \$2,300. On June 25, 1999, a search warrant was executed at Barrera's residence. NASA Special Agents arrested Barrera after allegedly stolen NASA property was found in his possession. Sentencing will be on December 22, 1999, in Hyattsville, MD.

This investigation was conducted by Special Agents of the NASA Office of Inspector General, United States Park Police, Prince George's County Police and Goddard Security Personnel. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Hollis R. Weisman, Southern District of Maryland, United States Attorney's Office, Hyattsville, Maryland, and (301) 344-4029.

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